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IMPACT OF EDUCATION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the impact of education in the Asia Pacific region is posing a serious challenge to those who are implementing the educational programmes; and

(b) if so, the concrete steps proposed to be taken to meet this challenge?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) & (b) : A Human Development Report on South Asia contrasted the development experience of South Asia with East Asia and noted that one of the factors contributing to the relatively better performance of East Asian Countries was their focus on primary education.

The thrust of Government`s recent efforts has been on achieving the goal of Universalisation of elementary education. To meet this challenge a Constitution Amendment Bill to make elementary education a Fundamental Right for Children of the age group of 6-14 years was introduced in Rajya Sabha in July, 1997. More than two-thirds of the funds earmarked for education in the central budget for 2001- 2002 is also allocated to schemes and programmes for promotion of elementary education.